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1. Three thousand cases of arms and ammunition, consisting of 700 cases of 9.2 mm rifles and 2,100 cases of 7.9 mm rifle ammunition, plus 200 additional cases containing 82-type mortar shells and medical packets, arrived at the Liuchou Railway Station from Hankow via the Hunan-Iwangsi Railway on 2 July 1951. Seven hundred of these cases were then re-shipped by rail to Tanning on 9 July. This equipment has been issued to the Iwangsi Military District by the Supply and Service Command of the 4th Field Army for arming recently-trained local militia in the military district of Huillin, Liuchou, Ishan (108-30; 24-33), Wring (108-15, 23-12), Yulin (110-08, 22-38) and Yueiping (110-05, 23-24).
2. The six military districts listed above began a two months training program for 27,000 local militia last May. Various factors during the training caused nearly 2,000 to desert or to be eliminated, so the total number trained consists of about 25,000, which have been organized into eight regiments for the time being. After being armed with the equipment above, these units will replace certain militia regiments which have been promoted to the rank of Iwangsi Military District troops and withdrawn from assignment to the above-mentioned military districts.

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